

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 284
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018**

SURVEYS OF MANUAL SCAVENGERS

284. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of surveys of manual scavengers conducted since 2014 and the number of manual scavengers recorded in each of these surveys, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Central Government had set up a task force to find the number of manual scavengers which was supposed to submit its report on April 30, 2018;
- (c) if so, whether the report has been submitted and the details of data collected through the survey, so far; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated for rehabilitation of manual scavengers, State-wise and year-wise since 2010?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)**

(a): "Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 (MS Act, 2013)" mandates survey of manual scavengers if any municipality or panchayat has reason to believe that some persons are engaged in manual scavenging within its jurisdiction. The above Act has come into effect from 06.12.2013 and since then 13 States have identified 13,657 manual scavengers, State-wise details are at **Annexure-I**. In addition, Socio-Economic and Caste Census-2011 has also captured data of number of households having manual scavengers in rural areas. As per data uploaded on website <http://secc.gov.in> 1,68,066 declared themselves as manual scavengers in rural areas. State-wise details are at **Annexure-II**.

(b): and (c): Yes Sir, a National Survey of manual scavengers has been undertaken in 170 districts of 18 States to identify all those persons who were cleaning the insanitary latrines since converted into sanitary latrines under Swachh Bharat Mission or still continuing work as manual scavengers in some places. The process of survey has been completed in 155 of the 170 identified districts. After verification of data collected during survey 13,965 manual scavengers have been identified upto 12.07.2018. Due to elections in some States like Karnataka and West Bengal, the survey could not be undertaken as scheduled.

(d): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing a Central Sector Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS), which has been revised in November, 2013 to provide rehabilitation benefits as per the provisions of MS Act, 2013. Funds allocated under the revised SRMS since 2013-14 are as under:

Rs. in Crores

Year	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates
2013-14	570.00	70.00
2014-15	448.00	50.00
2015-16	470.19	10.00
2016-17	10.00	1.00
2017-18	5.00	5.00
2018-19	20	

SRMS being a Central Sector Scheme, there is no provision for State-wise allocation of funds under this scheme.

Annexure-I referred in reply to Part (a) of Rajya Sabha unstarred Question No. 284 for answer on 19.07.2018 regarding Surveys of manual scavengers.

S.No.	State/UT Name	Number of Manual Scavengers
1	Andhra Pradesh	78
2	Assam	154
3	Bihar	137
4	Chhattisgarh	3
5	Karnataka	732
6	Madhya Pradesh	36
7	Odisha	237
8	Punjab	91
9	Rajasthan	338
10	Tamilnadu	363
11	Uttar Pradesh	11247
12	Uttarakhand	137
13	West Bengal	104
	Total	13657

Annexure-II

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SOCIO ECONOMIC AND CASTE CENSUS-2011		
Zone	Code with States/ UTs	Number of Manual Scavengers
All India		168066
North Total		14908
North	01 - JAMMU & KASHMIR	2904
North	02 - HIMACHAL PRADESH	11
North	03 - PUNJAB	11951
North	06 - HARYANA	42
East Total		14833
East	10 - BIHAR	7268
East	19 - WEST BENGAL	2526
East	20 - JHARKHAND	4153
East	21 - ODISHA	886
West Total		71663
West	08 - RAJASTHAN	3498
West	24 - GUJARAT	2
West	27 - MAHARASHTRA	68163
West	30 - GOA	0
South Total		16362
South	28 - ANDHRA PRADESH	388
South	29 - KARNATAKA	15375
South	32 - KERALA	100
South	33 - TAMILNADU	334
South	28 - TELANGANA	165
Central Total		40981
Central	05 - UTTARAKHAND	483
Central	09 - UTTAR PRADESH	17390
Central	22 - CHHATTISGARH	3
Central	23 - MADHYA PRADESH	23105
North Eastern Total		2771
North Eastern	11 - SIKKIM	51
North Eastern	12 - ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1286
North Eastern	13 - NAGALAND	274
North Eastern	14 - MANIPUR	1
North Eastern	15 - MIZORAM	1025
North Eastern	16 - TRIPURA	21
North Eastern	17 - MEGHALAYA	113
North Eastern	18 - ASSAM	0
UT Total		6548
UT	04 - CHANDIGARH	0
UT	07 - NCT OF DELHI	0
UT	25 - DAMAN AND DIU	6277
UT	26 - DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	142
UT	31 - LAKSHADWEEP	1
UT	34 - PUDUCHERRY	66
UT	35 - ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	62